



Woodfield School

Malmes Croft, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, HP3 8RL

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is lovely to see the pupils back in school and to see that Spring has sprung. We have had a busy first couple of weeks learning all about art and artists.

First I would like to welcome Caroline O'Coy to our school. She is our new, second Assistant Headteacher and is leading Lauren's class in her absence. Caroline comes to us with a wealth of experience and will be responsible across the school for further development of our curriculum and assessment systems.

We have had Anna from Funky Arts in all week running workshops in the Hall - the artwork produced by our pupils will form the main part of our exhibition in the Old Town Hall in Hemel Hempstead - further details to follow.

In other exciting news we have had a delivery of trees which will form a new hedge for our Sensory Garden - keep an eye out for transformations in the Sensory Garden and around the Coffee Shop over the coming months.

We have also been learning about seasonal celebrations and festivals, including Chinese New Year, Ramadan and Lent, which all fall at a similar time this year. We look forward to celebrating Eid ul Fitr and Easter together later in the term.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the upcoming workshops running on supporting transitions and toileting - see below for further details.

I wish you and your family a good weekend,

Best Wishes,

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DIARY DATES



19th March 2026—Opportunities Evening Yrs 9-14 7pm to 9pm

20th March 2026—Comic Relief

27th March 2026—School finishes at 1pm for Easter Break

13th April 2026—Inset day, school closed to pupils

14th April 2026—School restarts & pupils return

16th April 2026—Charity auction at The Old Town Hall (more details to follow)

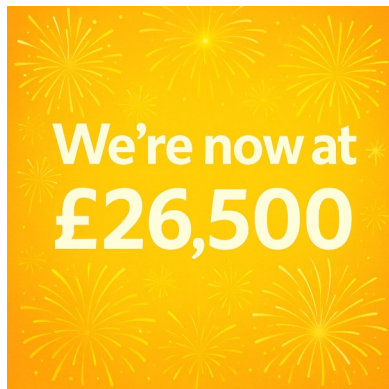
29th April 2026—Parents evening from 4pm to 6.30pm



We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents and grandparents who have generously donated to our gardening project so far. Your support and kindness are truly appreciated and will make a meaningful difference as we bring this project to life. If you would still like to contribute, either through a donation or by providing gardening items there is still time. If donating items, please see the school office for details on what is needed. We would be grateful for your continued support.



Minibus Update



A huge thank you to everyone who has donated so far we truly appreciate your generosity. We've received several additional donations over the past few weeks including a cheque from both the Tring Masonic Lodge and the Old Berkhamstedian Lodge for £1000 each.

The GoFundMe page is still live for anyone who would like to donate. Please share it with friends, family, or anyone who may be interested in supporting us.

[Woodfield School Minibus GoFund Me page](#)



Welcome to Woodfield



Introduction from our New Assistant Headteacher

Hello, my name is Caroline O'Coy and I am delighted to have recently joined Woodfield as the new Assistant Headteacher. I am very excited to be part of the school community and look forward to meeting many of you over the coming months.

Before joining Woodfield, I worked for 15 years in a mainstream secondary school in Hertfordshire. During that time, I was a Food teacher and later Head of the Design and Technology Department, before moving into a role as Associate Assistant Headteacher.

More recently, I spent the past 18 months working in an alternative provision in London for students with high levels of anxiety and complex SEND who were not currently attending school. As Head of Teaching and Learning, I was responsible for overseeing the curriculum and assessment across the provision.

I am really looking forward to bringing my experience to my work here at Woodfield. For the remainder of the academic year, I will be based in Class 7 and will also be spending time getting to know students across the school.

I have received such a warm welcome from staff and students and am already thoroughly enjoying being part of the Woodfield community.



Headteacher Awards

	Awards for 27th February
Holly's Class	Muhammad for coping with change
Samantha's Class	James for achieving the skill of zipping up his coat
Aleigha's Class	Ollie for his engagement during Big Book sessions
Zoe's Class	Antonia for playing nicely with her friends
Cara's Class	Zakariya for his persistence and determination in activities, and his engagement communicative response throughout the week
Caitlin's Class	N/A
Lauren's Class	Ana for great work in the community
Amy's Class	George for a fantastic swim first week back
Gerard's Class	Khaya for interacting with peers and taking part in learning activities
Shabana's Class	Finley for good focusing in Big Book session and exploring light with a torch
Polly's Class	Lillie for accessing the local community and visiting the park with the rest of the class.
Chrissy's Class	Hifzah for working hard in class and always trying her best
Gemma's Class	Ben & Julia for being kind and staying calm
Coffee Shop	Julia for working really hard at completing her jobs. Hanaa for working without adult support



WELL DONE



Headteacher Awards

	Awards for 6th March
Holly's Class	Lottie for taking part in different work
Samantha's Class	George for his participation in class activities, including PE, Touch and Taste and making Mango Lassi
Aleighta's Class	Ayden for using his voice in class to express what he would like
Zoe's Class	Tyler for great work on his communication skills
Cara's Class	Yasmine for her brilliant engagement in activities, and her switch work during a range of activities in class
Caitlin's Class	Oli for developing his confidence using his communication device
Lauren's Class	Harry for exploring different food in Touch and Taste
Amy's Class	Ella for helping peers and staff in the classroom
Gerard's Class	Josh for sitting with peers for lunch and reading
Shabana's Class	Teddy for focusing well with adult led activities
Polly's Class	Sienna for excellent progress with her Physical Development. Walking further with her walking frame, the most she has ever done. We're really proud of you!
Chrissy's Class	Abby for working well in class and coping with changes in the class
Gemma's Class	Jordan & Ethan for being kind and staying calm
Coffee Shop	Archie for an excellent first day in the Coffee Shop. Zaara for cleaning and wrapping the cutlery perfectly with no adult support.



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Holly's Class.

The children have settled back into school life very well following the half-term break. We have been re-establishing familiar routines and continuing to explore the classroom provision.

Our topic for this half term is *'The Artist in Me.'* We have introduced this theme through our focus texts, *"Mix It Up"* and *"The Game of Light."* This week, the children participated in an engaging art workshop, where they enthusiastically embraced the opportunity to explore materials and textures through hands-on, sensory experiences.

We have also taken advantage of the warmer weather to enjoy community access sessions. The children have enjoyed visits to the local park with both peers and adults. During these outings, they have been developing their confidence in exploring playground equipment, as well as practising safe and supported transitions to and from the park.

As part of our touch and taste sessions, the children have been exploring foods from around the world. These have included Chinese dishes in celebration of Chinese New Year, as well as foods traditionally eaten during Ramadan. This has provided valuable opportunities to experience different cultures through sensory exploration.



Samantha's Class

Samantha's class visited Watford Underground station, at the end of the Metropolitan line. We practised going through the ticket gates, waiting safely on the platform and exploring the trains. Each pupil was able to learn how to open the train doors using the button and to step on and off safely. We have started our visits to explore the sculptures and signage along the Leavesden Heritage Trail. The children loved discovering the different sculptures, many of which are very interactive. We are developing our appreciation of art, communication and physical development. We were really impressed with how the pupils recognised the sculptures and headed to each as it came into sight.



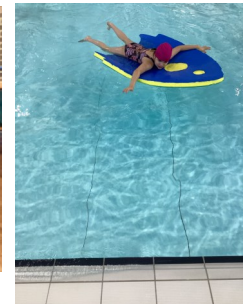
Aleisha's Class

Aleisha's Class have begun to explore our new topic 'The Artist in Me', we are looking forward to getting creative over the next few weeks. We have also been enjoying the much warmer and drier weather which we took our PE session outside to enjoy the weather! In class, we have loved reading our new big book 'colours everywhere' sharing different resources to represent the colours in the story.



Zoe's Class

Zoe's Class have had a busy couple of weeks! We have been enjoying our new Big Book story "Luna loves art", which has inspired lots of creativity, especially during our free messy art sessions where the children have been exploring different materials and colours. We have been working hard on our communication skills, building sentences, making requests and making choices throughout the day. In maths, we have been heading out on sensory walks, collecting and sorting natural materials, and we have also been developing our problem-solving skills through puzzle building and turn-taking games. We are looking forward to our upcoming community access sessions, including golf at Little Hay Golf and swimming in Amersham, which we are all very excited about.



Cara's Class

Cara's Class have made an excellent start to their new topic, *"The Artist in Me."* Pupils have engaged enthusiastically with sensory stories, using torches, movement, ribbons, and different types of music to express their ideas creatively. During TAC PAC sessions, they explored a variety of tactile experiences and communicated their preferences using their individual communication systems.

The class has continued nature walks, observing their surroundings while building social connections. A favourite activity has been Attention Autism sessions, especially using the adapted salad spinner light, which encouraged anticipation, focus, turn-taking, and shared attention.

In Art, pupils created spinning artworks by choosing colours and materials, operating the spinner physically or through switches. Overall, the class have shown impressive creativity, communication, and engagement throughout the topic.



Caitlin's Class

Caitlin's class have had a lovely start to the term. Our topic this term revolves around Art and we have enjoyed exploring this through different activities and using different techniques. We had visited an art work shop creating different sea creatures using recycled materials. We have also been exploring the artist 'Kandinsky', creating our own versions of his work. As part of our community access we have been to the XC rock climbing which the students have really enjoyed and look forward to continuing. We have continued our cooking sessions, making pancakes and muffins. The students really enjoyed making and eating the pancakes. We look forward to continuing our learning in this topic.



Lauren's Class

We've had an incredibly exciting and busy couple of weeks since coming back from half term! Our adventures have taken us out into the community, where some of us have been practising our shopping skills at the supermarket, others have enjoyed refreshing walks full of things to spot and explore, and a few lucky travellers even got to head out on the bus for a little journey. Back in the classroom, creativity has been bursting everywhere as we've dived into lots of art activities and mark-making, experimenting with colours, textures, and tools to create amazing pieces of work. Our afternoons have been all about building independence through life skills activities, where everyone has been practising everyday routines, helping with tasks, and showing fantastic progress. It's been a wonderfully fun, busy, and hands on start to the term



Amy's Class

We've had a lovely and settled start back in Amy's class, and the children are really enjoying our new topic, "The Gallery." They have been enthusiastic during our big book sessions, looking closely at each page and working together to build sentences. It has been great to see pupils sharing ideas, communicating with confidence, and using visual prompts to support their understanding. In maths, the children have been busy creating their own 2D and 3D self-portraits. They have explored different materials to learn about shape and space while expressing their individuality. This hands-on work has led to great discussions about features, colours, and what makes each of us unique. We have also been practising how to share information with each other using selection books and pictures. Pupils have enjoyed choosing relevant information—such as favourites and interests—and sharing it with their friends, helping build confidence in communication and turn-taking. We've had a fantastic start to the half-term and look forward to continuing our journey through "The Gallery" in the coming weeks.



Gerard's Class

It's been a busy and positive few weeks in Class 9! The students have been working hard during our group reading sessions, building confidence, teamwork skills, and a real enjoyment of stories as they read and discuss together. We've also had lots of fun in the kitchen, following recipes, practising important life skills, and of course tasting some of our delicious creations. Our sensory circuits continue to be a great way to start the day, helping everyone feel focused and ready to learn. On top of all that, we've been making the most of the lovely little bit of sunshine we've been having, enjoying some fresh air and outdoor time whenever we can!



Shabana's Class

Shabana's class have been exploring and developing different art techniques as part of our learning in our topic, Painter, sculptor, Creator these past few weeks. The students began by looking at the work of Jackson Pollock and with modelling, imitating his movement art with paint in spray bottles and flicking the paint loaded on the brushes. As well as this, we looked at the Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama and her polka dot sculptors. The class enthusiastically used their fingers to create dots on outlines of fruit, experimenting with different colours.

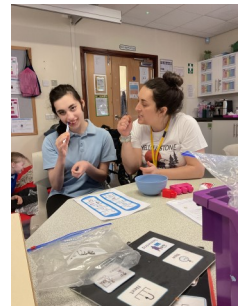
We took full advantage of the sunshine and went on a lovely walk around Leverstock Green taking in the environmental sounds around us and interacting with some friendly dog walkers as part of our community access. We hope to go to the coffee shop and local cafe, so please can you send in some money for this. On Thursday we have taken part in Anna's Funky Art workshop and World Book Day. The class team decided to collaborate and come in as Minions with Minion antics, collage and music activities, which was very well received by the students



Polly's Class

The class have made a great start to the new half term and have really been enjoying our new Artist topic. So far, we have explored the artist Piet Mondrian, looking at his use of squares, lines and primary colours. We have learnt Makaton signs for different colours and shapes. This week we have started looking at the artist Banksy and doing our own graffiti art on the outside walls, using spray paint and stencils of his actual art. The students have made some excellent biscuits during cooking lessons, and we have linked them to the shapes we are exploring in maths such as squares and circles.

We have also had a wonderful time accessing the local community and visiting the park now the weather is getting nicer. The students have walked sensibly there and been working on their physical development too.



Chrissy's Class

Chrissy's class have had a lovely couple of weeks in school. In maths, we have been learning about different shapes and how they can be used to build structures. Students have enjoyed our new big book in literacy where we have been using chalk and chalkboards to draw items from the book. This included stars, animals, clouds and the night sky! Everybody has engaged well in these sessions and appeared to enjoy story and exploring different ways to use the chinks. Some students have restarted swimming sessions, both in and out of school. This week, students had the opportunity to join art sessions in the hall where they used a variety of materials to create pieces of art. Students did a fantastic job and were able to create some lovely pieces independently. There were smiles all round and students appeared to enjoy the sessions. We have also continued doing our breakfast club, we have been making pancakes which is really going down a treat.



Gemma's Class

Gemma's class have been enjoying exploring our local community. Some of us went along to Leverstock Green cricket club for tea and biscuits and a chat. It was a great way to meet neighbours of our school, and we will definitely be going back. Some students have been enjoying regular trips to town with a stop off at Liberty Tea room. This time we invited Kate to join us for a pot of tea! It was lovely for the students to show off their social skills.

We also stopped for a photo opportunity at TJ's and of course to say thank you for raising so much money for our school bus fund. Work experience continued with the guys from John O'Connor grounds maintenance who supported students in clearing the dell.





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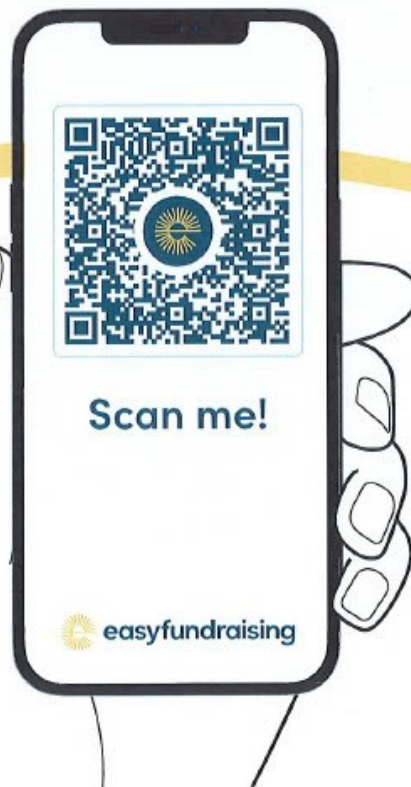
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Date: Thursday 5, 12, 26 February & 5, 12, 19 March 2026

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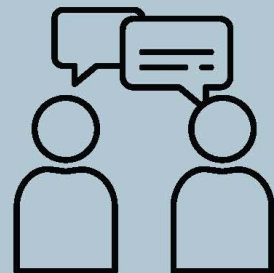
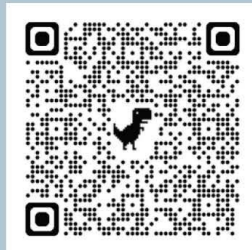
Thursday 5th March 2026

9.30am - 12.30pm

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